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Dear Dr. Lederberg,

For several weeks I have had on my desk the reprint you so kindly sent me, and I dare not begin to apologize for not having written the comments on it which you invited. Even now I am only writing, I am afraid, to acknowledge its receipt, for I have yet to digest all its implications. But I can see that it could be very relevant to the question of cell lineages in ageing; and to the process, which may occur more often than histologists seem to admit, whereby cell division results in one senescent and one non-senescent daughter.

Most of all I would like the opportunity of talking to you about it. Do you ever attend any congresses in this country? If you do, and could spare me a lunch-time, I very much hope you will visit me.

Yours sincerely,


Alex Comfort